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FOR SECRETARY

EO 11652: GDS

TAGS: OVIP (KISSINGER, HENRY A.)

SUBJ: SECRETARY'S VISIT TO BEIRUT

1. THE LIKELIHOOD OF ANTI-U.S. DEMONSTRATIONS DURING THE SECRETARY'S VISIT TO LEBANON HAS INCREASED IN VIEW OF AGREEMENT BY BOTH FATAH AND LEBANESE PROGRESSIVE GROUPS TO PARTICIPATE IN THEM. A NEW FACTOR IN THE DEMONSTRATIONS IS THAT LEFTIST

FEDAYEEN GROUPS AND THE POPULAR FRONT FOR THE LIBERATION OF PALESTINE (PFLP) ARE PLANNING TO ARM SOME DEMONSTRATORS, POSSIBLY RESULTING IN CLASHES WITH THE LEBANESE SECURITY FORCES. FATAH HAS REPORTEDLY AGREED TO PARTICIPATE IN THE DEMONSTRATIONS IN AN ATTEMPT TO CONTROL THEM AND ALSO TO AVOID CLAIMS THAT FATAH HAS SOLD OUT TO THE U.S. DEMONSTRATIONS INVOLVING 500-1,000 PERSONS TOOK PLACE DURING THE MORNING OF DECEMBER 15 IN SOME OF THE PALESTINIAN REFUGEE CAMPS AND AT ARAB UNIVERSITY. POLICE REPORTS ALSO INDICATE DEMONSTRATION PLANNED FOR 1500 LOCAL, DEC 15, FROM PLO HEADQUARTERS WHICH WILL PROCEED TO PRIME MINISTER'S OFFICE IN DOWNTOWN BEIRUT. POLICE ALSO REPORTED DEMONSTRATIONS PLANNED FOR 1100 HOURS, DECEMBER 16.

2. BOTH FATAH AND THE EGYPTIAN EMBASSY IN BEIRUT HAVE VOICED THEIR CONCERN THAT THE PFLP MIGHT PLAN TO ATTACK KISSINGER PERSONALLY, AND THE EGYPTIANS HAVE TOLD FATAH THAT THEY ARE

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RESPONSIBLE FOR PREVENTING ANY SUCH INCIDENT. IN ORDER TO PREVENT THIS POSSIBILITY, FATAH HAS REPORTEDLY PLACED CERTAIN PFLP OFFICIALS UNDER RESTRAINT AND PFLP TERRORIST LEADER WADI HADDAD

UNDER SURVEILLANCE. ACCORDING TO ONE FATAH OFFICIAL, FATAH HAS ABOUT 10 SA-7 MISSILES IN LEBANON WHICH ARE UNDER FATAH CONTROL AND GUARD. SINCE FATAH NOT EXPECTED OPPOSE VISIT VIOLENTLY THESE MISSILES NOT RPT NOT CONSIDERED THREAT TO SECRETARY. FATAH DOES NOT BELIEVE THAT ANY OTHER FEDAYEEN ORGANIZATIONS IN LEBANON HAVE SURFACE-AIR MISSILES.

3. THE PALESTINIANS ARE REPORTEDLY UNHAPPY ABOUT THE VISIT OF KISSINGER TO LEBANON BECAUSE THEY CONSIDER HIM A "ZIONIST" AND THEY ARE ALSO AFRAID THAT HE WILL APPROVE PLANS OF LEBANESE PRESIDENT FRANJIYAH TO GET THE PALESTINIANS OUT OF LEBANON AND TO PREVENT FEDAYEEN RAIDS FROM LEBANON INTO ISRAEL.  
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